Bible and Daily Living

Christ's concern for the church

By Bill Trimyer
Christ's Concern for the Church
Lesson for May 2, 1982
Bible Study Passage: Revelations 2:8-11;14-22
INTRODUCTION

Planting time is upon us with the arrival of Spring. There is a deep sense of excitement in the air when Spring makes its debut. When Spring comes we begin to get the "itch" to prepare our gardens and fields for sowing. Those of us who love and appreciate roses take to pruning and fertilizing in anticipation of the first rose of Spring!

Gardners and farmers are careful to nurture that which they plant. We would rarely plant a seed or a rose and leave it alone to thrive on its own. Most of our efforts would be thwarted if we left our gardens and fields to the hazards of insects and weeds.

There is a parallel here in the way Christ behaved toward his church. The Revelation is a dramatic display of Christ's concern and love for the church he labored so hard to establish while on earth. During his life Christ sought to build his church from the few people he called to be his followers. Following his death and resurrection, Jesus still sought to nurture and care for his church through a vision he gave to John.

Christ's Affirmation [Rev. 2:8-11]

Christ addresses seven churches in his vision and message to John. It is helpful to remember that while Christ speaks to specific historical churches, his message to them was also intended for the church in every age. When Christ says, "He that hath an ear, let him hear...." he certainly intends a wider audience.

The church at Smyrna endured the hardship of persecution from the Romans. Christ speaks to his church in Smyrna and encourages them to remain faithful in the face of difficult times. The end result would be a crowning glory. The coming judgment would bypass those who fixed their faith on the Lord.

Jesus says to the church at Smyrna: "I know your works...." It is comforting and perhaps discomforting to know that Christ is aware of us. It is comforting to know he is aware of our strengths and our needs for his nurturing concern. But this also implies that we are subject to his anger if we are not fulfilling his call to us to be his church.

Christ's Condemnation [Rev. 3:14-22]

The church ceases to be the church when its people fail to make Christ real. The church in Laodicea was rebuked by Jesus because it had lost the will to maintain its moral and spiritual stance. Their moral and spiritual senses had been dulled by their preoccupation with the surrounding rich pagan community. Any enthusiasm for the things of Christ had been lost in their enthusiasm for the commercial opportunities of their day. This church had become an opportunist to reap the benefits of living at the crossroads of a wealthy city.

Lukewarm water does not meet the needs of a parched mouth. A steak that is warm on the outside but still cold at the center is not very tasty. Certain foods and beverages are good when they are served either cold or hot.

Christ condemned the church at Laodicea because it was neither cold nor hot. The spiritual temperature of the Laodicean church revealed and indifferent people. And what does Christ think about lukewarm churches? The answer cuts deeply, "I will spit you out of my mouth."

Perhaps the people at Laodicea believed, as some today, that their church had proved itself by becoming an affluent church. But what does Christ desire of his people and his churches? His desire is that we focus our energies and affluence upon the lost and needy of our community and world. The church is never more the church than when it sacrifices itself for the sufferings and needs of others. And in so doing the church mirrors the spirit and love of Christ.

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The Pastor Speaks

By Peter R. Hale

The beauty of the Dogwood trees this year must serve as a reminder of the built-in renewal of nature that is a vital part of God's creation. And it doesn't come one minute too soon.

Winter is over and summer is on its way. Already lawns are being mowed and gardens are being planted. The yearly cycle of seasons continues. Sometimes I think it would be nice if individual people could renew as easily as Spring.

We seem to cycle, but without the regularity of nature. Of course we are a part of nature, a part of creation, and our acceptance of our role in nature is important. But I cannot believe that growing older is like going into winter. There is too much to learn, too much to see, too much to try to understand. There is far too much to appreciate to go around moaning very long.

Even death, when it strikes close to home, cannot still this urge to learn or grow. I think our commitment in faith to Jesus Christ means, in part, that we must never view life as over, until it is over. Then we rest.

Peter R. Hale is pastor of Walker's Presbyterian Church and Appomattox Court House Presbyterian Church in Appomattox County.

Revival services slated

Revival services are planned at the Vera Church of God on Route 24 East and Route 616 at Vera. The Reverend Roy S. Newcomb, evangelist will be the speaker.

Services will begin on Thursday evening, April 29, and continue through Saturday evening, May 1 beginning at 7:30 each evening.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Zion sets services

There will be services at beautiful Zion Baptist Church, Red House, Va. on May 2, 1982 at 2 p.m. The Rev. Donald Hamlette from Brookneal, Va. will be guest minister.

Memorial slates 'Day'

Memorial United Methodist Church of Appomattox is planning a day of study and fellowship of May 16, 1982. The topic of the Mission Study for that day will be Europe Dimensions and the book which will be used is "Must Walls Divide"?

The guest speaker and teacher for the day will be Dr. Willy Norman Heggoy, who is a native of Norway, he received his B.A. Degree in Sweded, his B.D. Degree in Sweden, his Ph.D. in Hartford, Connecticut, and his special studies in England, France and Algeria. He is now a member of the Virginia Annual Conference. Dr. Heggoy served as editor of the Upper Room for one year, has been a pastor in Virginia, a professor of Theology and a missionary to Sweden.

The Mission Study will start at 9:45 a.m. and will continue until 2 p.m. During this time, Dr. Heggoy will speak at church service in the sanctuary, and there will be a covered dish lunch for all. The bread and beverage will be furnished. The public is invited. If you plan to attend the entire session, be sure to bring a dish.

THE COMBINED YOUTH CHOIRS of Diamond Hill Presbyterian and Mt. Zion United Methodist Churches will present a musical entitled, "Down By The Creek Bank" on May 2 at 7 p.m. at the Mt. Zion United Methodist Church on Rt. 615, six miles east of Rustburg. Participants pictured above are:(front row-l. to r.) Matthew Tanner, Wesley Tanner, Erica Mosebrook, Regina Wolfe, Emily Tanner, Keith Smith,, Heather Fariss. second row: Bruce Mosebrook, Angie Guthrie, Patrick Driskill, Tammy Smith, Robbie Smith, Neal Fariss. Third row: Missy Miller, Rhonda Tanner, Karen Driskill, Tracey Garrett, Gerry Tanner, Janet Driskill, Kim Smith, Sheryl Bolinger. Not pictured: Dina Dawson, Matthew Driskill. Photo courtesy of Tracey Straub.

'Senior' Day is slated

Senior Adult Day will be observed at the Liberty Chapel Baptist Church, State Route 615 on Sunday, May 2.

At the 11 a.m. worship service recognition will be given to the older adults for their service in the church and community.

Special activities are being planned for this observance which will take place in many of the churches in the Southern Baptist Convention.

"Since senior adults represent approximately one fifth of our congregation, the Liberty Chapel Baptist Chuch will pay tribute and express appreciation to them on this special occasion," commented the Reverend James N. Williams, pastor of the church.

WMU plans May 6 meeting

The annual spring meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Appomattox Baptist Association will be held on Thursday, May 6, at the New Chapel Baptist Church, Rustburg, Virginia. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. A covered dish dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Each person attending is asked to bring a covered dish.

The evening inspirational meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. George B. Clarke of Kenbrige, Virginia will be the guest speaker. Mrs. Clarke is the President of Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia. The "Revelations" of New Chapel Church will be bringing special music prior to Mrs. Clarke's missionary message.

All Baptist women, Baptist young women members, Acteen and girls in action members and leaders and pastors of churches are invited to attend.

Kid's crusade set at Appo. Baptist Temple

A "Kid's Crusade" will be held at the Appomattox Baptist Temple Church May 3 through May 7, according to the Rev. Ron Gallagher, pastor of the church.

The Rev. Dwight Norville of Richmond will be evangelist for the children's event. The Rev. Norville, who pastored churches for ten years, has been a children's pastor at the Clover Hill Baptist Church for the past nine years.

He is also responsible for the senior citizens' ministry at this church. His children's ministry is unique.

Pastor Norville, along with his wife Bonnie, are in great demand. Pastor Gallagher notes that there will be "something special" at each service.

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Deaths

Mrs. Emma Parsons Bailey
PHENIX - Mrs. Emma Parsons Bailey, 80, of Phenix, died Thursday, April 22, 1982. She was the widow of Otis T. Bailey.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Frances B. Berkley; one son, Willard T. Bailey, and two grandchildren, Walter and Christie Bailey, all of Phenix; a brother, William W. Parsons, Charlotte Court House; two sisters, Mrs. Bessie P. Owen, Wylliesburg and Mrs. Marie P. Terry, Victoria.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. today in Phenix Presbyterian Church with interment in Oak View Presbyterian Church cemetery.

Browning Funeral Home, Keysville was in charge of arrangements.

Clinton DeWitt Thompson
SHIPMAN - Clinton DeWitt (Puddin) Thompson, 64, Route 1, Shipman, died Monday night at the UVa Medical Center in Charlottesville.

Born Feb. 5, 1918, in Nelson County, he was a son of the late Clinton DeWitt Thompson and Mattie Purvis Thompson. He was a member and treasurer of the Shipman Baptist Church, a 35-year member of Shipman Masonic Lodge No. 46 AF&AM, past district deputy of the 21st Masonic District and secretary of the Shipman Masonic Lodge. He was a member of the Lynchburg Scottish Rite and assistant manager of the Lovingston Alcohol Beverage Control store.

He was preceded in death by one son, Richard Edward Thompson, in 1960.

He is survived by his wife Claytie J. Thompson; one son, Robert Melvin Thompson, Shipman; one daughter, Mrs. Mary Camm Browning, Shipman; two sisters, Florine Claytor Fitzgerald, Shipman, and Mrs. Mary T. Drumheller, Springfield; three brothers, William S. Thompson, Shipman, Lynn A. Thompson, Barboursville, and Claude W. Thompson, Appomattox; one granddaughter, Alice Lee Thompson, Shipman; one grandson and one granddaughter-in-law, Robert M. and Linda T. Thompson, Amherst, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 p.m. Thursday at the Shipman Baptist Church with the Rev. Robert Massie officiating. Burial was in the Mountain View Cemetery at Lovingston.

Graveside rites were accorded by Shipman Masonic Lodge No. 46.

Arrangements were by Wells/Sheffield Funeral Chapel of Lovingston.

Mt. Shiloh church news

"Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last." Revelation 1:11

Rev. Yuille preached a very inspirational sermon for morning worship service. The text was "The Urgency of God" and he proclaimed that we will get in a big hurry to meet our daily commitments on time, but we tend to decrease the momentum when it comes to doing God's work. We were reminded that tomorrow is not promised to us and that it is most urgent for us to be about our Father's business.

The Junior and Senior Choirs sang beautiful songs of praises to uplift the service. Mrs. Josephine Harvey extended echoes of welcome to the congregation and a most fervent prayer was delivered by Miss Georgia Fleshman.

The Usher Board will meet Sunday at 11:00 a.m. All members and those who are interesting in joining are asked to be present.

All members are reminded to report their money on the second Sunday in May for the Fellowship Hall.

We are thankful to know that Rev. Lawing is home and progressing nicely. Mrs. Ida Elliott has been hospitalized and has had surgery.

As we seek assurance in times of stress and crises, let us pray daily for each other.

Let's look to the hill from whence cometh our health.

Thought for the Day - Shared by Rev. Yuille
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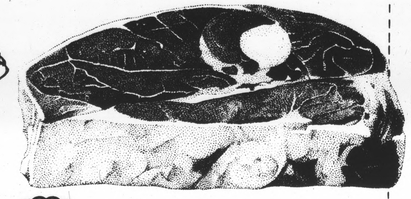

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